

Appl. No. 09/524,718

Amendment dated January 15, 2004  
Reply to Office action of July 15, 2003

**REMARKS**

This paper follows the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003 and is accompanied by a request for a 3-month extension of time. Claims 1-17, 20-21, 23-24 and 26-33 have been canceled. Claims 18, 19, 22 and 25 have been previously allowed.

The Applicants request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application with allowed claims 18, 19, 22 and 25.

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